

GM593

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL TURNER, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.
Report Title:	Board of Physical Therapy
Current Referral:	CPH

Testimony of the Board of Physical Therapy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 593, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHAEL TURNER,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Taniguchi, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Physical Therapy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Michael Turner, PT, DPT's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Turner has served on the Board since July 1, 2015. He has been a practicing physical therapist for 29 years, received his Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2012, and is the owner, manager, and practicing primary therapist for his private physical therapy group practice, OrthoSport Hawaii.

Dr. Turner has attended most of the Board's meetings. He has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of a board member based on his previous experience as chair of the board and vice president of the Colorado chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. The Board's mission to effectively oversee physical therapy in Hawaii will continue with his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**GM 593 Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Turner
Board of Physical Therapy
Senate CPH Hearing
Friday, April 5, 2019 – 9:30am
Room 229
Position: Support**

Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 340 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. We are movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA strongly support the gubernatorial nomination of Michael Turner for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy. Michael Turner has been on the physical therapy board for multiple terms and continues to play a vital role. He has always led meaningful discussions to address current healthcare issues, and ensures that the rules and regulations reflect patient protection.

Our organization has full confidence in his ability to continue the duties as a member of the physical therapy board and strongly support his confirmation.

Your support of Gubernatorial Nominee Michael Turner is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact me, Gregg Pacilio at 808-346-5972 for further information.

DAVID FITZ-PATRICK, M.D., INC.
DIABETES & ENDOCRINOLOGY

Board of Physical Therapists

State of Hawaii

March 28, 2019

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to recommend the reappointment of Dr. Michael Turner to the Board of Physical Therapy.

I have known Dr. Turner professionally for many years and can attest to his skills as a clinician and the high ethical standards to which he holds himself. I have referred many patients to his practice and have received almost unanimously positive comments regarding outcomes as well as the professionalism of him and his staff.

I know he is very cognizant of the issues affecting his profession and is dedicated to maintaining high standards and public trust. Therefore, I have no hesitation in recommending him for reappointment to your Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Fitz-Patrick M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Fitz-Patrick, M.D.

March 31, 2019

Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer
Department of Commerce and Commercial Affairs
Professional and Vocational Licensing
Attention: Physical Therapy
P.O. Box 3469
Honolulu, HI 96801

Mr. Taniguchi:

I am writing to commend Dr. Michael Turner, PT to your state's Board of Physical Therapy for reappointment.

I have known Dr. Turner for over 23 years, having worked directly with him in clinical practice, as well as receiving instruction from him in formal and informal settings, and can attest to his outstanding knowledge and commitment to the practice of physical therapy. He has advocated unflinchingly for the welfare of his patients and for the public benefit, as well as for the increase in professional standards and knowledge base of his peers. His experience in serving the profession and the public, having been an executive within the APTA chapters in Colorado and Hawaii, as well as his current position on the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy, have offered him an "up-close" view of the larger issues facing the profession. These experiences, in addition to his success in private practice ownership and management, provide him with a diverse and informed view of the practice of physical therapy and the public interest. He undoubtedly will contribute positively to the state of Hawaii and will continue to protect the state's consumers of physical therapy services.

I unequivocally recommend that Dr. Turner be reappointed to the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy.

Professionally,

Travis Hand, PT, MPT, MTC

November 25, 2018

Letter of Intent for Reappointment to the State Board of Physical Therapy

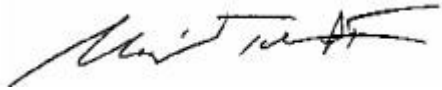
Distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the board,

I am writing to express my interest in reappointment to continue service on the Board of Physical Therapy for the state of Hawaii. I am a physical therapist and outpatient private practice owner on Oahu. As such, I am tuned into the challenges and inner workings of the practicing therapist as well as the concerns that might be encountered by the patients being served in this setting.

I feel that I am well qualified having been a board member for 11 of the last 12 years, a practicing Physical Therapist for 25 years, and an instructor of continuing education to physical therapists in the U.S. and internationally for 19 years. I have also served as the vice president of the Colorado chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association for 4 years and been actively involved in the Hawaii chapters legislative committee prior to my initial appointment to the board 12 years ago.

My experience both on the board and in the field lends me insight from many different perspectives, all of which should help me to continue serving the public interest in executing my duties as a board member. Please consider my reappointment for this position. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Turner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

-Dr. Michael Turner PT, DPT